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News and Views of Interest to Halton Farmers

MILK PRODUCERS TO TORONTO MARKET DISSATISFIED WITH PRESENT MARKETING CONDITIONS

The lack of adequate rainfall coupled with the heat wave the last week in August has created a serious situation in many sections of Halton. In South Halton in particular, no rain of any account has fallen during July and August. As a result pastures are non-existent on a large percentage of farms and winter feeding has prevailed in a great many dairy herds for some little time. Corn too has been hit hard and is a disappointing crop. In some cases it has been pastured off and on a large percentage of Halton dairy farms will fall far short of filling the silo. Added to the dairyman's pasture and corn problems is the unsatisfactory condition existing in the Toronto Milk Market. Many shippers report that they have received payment at the top price of \$4.05 per cwt. for only a fraction of their shipments and the balance at manufacturing price. According to report this has varied in some cases from a low of 45 per cent and 55 per cent at the secondary price to around 70 per cent at the top price of \$4.05 and 30 per cent at \$2.90 per cwt. While the new Milk Control Act provides for collective bargaining between producer and distributor representatives, it would appear that when the negotiations for the last price increase took place producer representatives overlooked including in the bargain anything pertaining to conditions of sale. Needless to add conditions of sale are equally as important to the milk producer as the price factor. As we understand it the new Milk Control Board no longer permits the Ontario Government or officials of the Milk Control Board to play any part in establishing price or conditions of sale. Those are the responsibilities of the representatives of the producers and distributors. The Act does however, make provision for collective bargaining, for arbitration, etc., and once an agreement has been reached between producer and distributor representatives or a finding has been made by the Board of Arbitration it is then the duty of the Milk Control Board to enforce the agreement or finding. It would therefore seem that when new negotiations take place this fall between producer and distributor representatives, that not only will price receive consideration but also the question of the basis of establishing quotas and other conditions of sale — in short, once bit twice shy.

HALTON DAIRY CATTLE BREEDERS ACHIEVE HONOURS AT C.N.E.

The judging of Ayrshires, Holsteins, Guernseys, and Jerseys took place at the C.N.E. on Thursday and Friday last. We were present only for a portion of Thursday's programme of judging, and consequently cannot give a complete picture of the awards. While entries were far short of pre-war standards, nevertheless there was a good showing in all four breeds and each had their quota of a large interested ringside. In so far as we could determine Halton was represented only in the Holstein ring, where entries of Hays Limited, E. C. Given, F. Pelletterio and Sons, and J. F. Trimble made an excellent showing. The highlight from a Halton standpoint was the junior championship for males won by the junior yearling herd sire of F. Pelletterio and Sons, of Milton. This animal, M. G. Sovereign Ormsby, will be recalled as the reserve junior champion at the 1947 Royal and All Canadian bull calf for 1947. This animal was bred by Max Greenberg of Freeman, and to Messrs. Pelletterio and Greenberg we extend heartfelt congratulations. Hays Ltd. were strong contenders throughout and won their quota of three seconds and other top awards. In the Jersey ring, another Halton

HALTON DAIRY SHOW PROMISES TO ESTABLISH A RECORD

During the past ten or eleven years the Milton Fair has become noted for its outstanding Holstein and Jersey Shows. This year's County Guernsey Show has been added so all in all we can expect the best all round dairy show yet held. Prize lists are now available from E. M. Readhead, Milton, R. R. No. 2, who is the able Secretary of the Halton Agricultural Society. Three high class authorities have been secured to officiate in the ring; in the persons of Prof. M. W. Staples, of the Ont. Agricultural College, on Jerseys; E. A. Innis, well-known Holstein breeder, of Brantford, on Holsteins; and Wm. Brooks, of Paris, outstanding breeder and exhibitor of Guernseys, on the latter breed.

COL. KENNEDY TO OPEN NEW BARN

From an abandoned pig pen to a palatial new barn in three years of operations is the story of success of the Maple Cattle Breeders' Association which is having the official opening of its new barn and the administration building at Maple next Thursday, September 16th, when the guest speaker will be the Col. the Hon. T. L. Kennedy, Minister of Agriculture for Ont. Visiting the unit recently the Minister expressed surprise and delight in the phenomenal growth of this artificial breeding unit which started out to serve one township and now serves seven counties and parts of two others. The Directors in planning this opening ceremony decided to hold open house and invite anyone interested whether members or not regardless of breed affiliations. The formal programme will commence at 2 p.m. but some of the members in some counties are planning a bus

lunches will be available on the grounds through the cooperation of the local ladies organization. It is suggested that those who can should come early. A large tent has been secured for an auction and this will be seated with chairs.

The new barn, to replace the remodelled pig pen, is 128' long and 38' wide with sixteen box stalls, a hospital or isolation stall, feed room and bedding room. Located in front of this is the administration building 80' by 40' where the management handles the affairs of the unit and the processing, checking and shipping of semen is done. This is regarded as one of the main industries of the village of Maple, 4 miles west of Richmond Hill. The membership has increased from 87 in June of 1945 to approximately 1260 at the present time including owners of Holstein, Jersey and Ayrshire herds, about half of which are grades.

W. F. Watson, Ontario Livestock Commissioner will also speak and as stock men know, "Bill" has always a very appropriate message and Secretary-Manager, G. W. Keffer states that Mr. Watson has a most important proposition to present to the members at this function. President Norman Porter, of Thornhill, has sent invitations to a large number of livestock officials and Yrfoeds of the dairy cow so this promises to be a red letter day when the cars and buses from seven counties converge on the seventeen acre "farm" of the Maple Cattle Breeders at the northern limits of the village. It is interesting to note that to date visitors have come from several of the states, Alberta, Jamaica, and Palestine.

The buildings and bulls will be on display all afternoon as well as representatives of the get of these bulls.

FINED FOR SUPPLYING AMMUNITION TO JUVENILES

A Milton man was ordered to pay \$8.00 and costs or spend five days in jail when he appeared last Wednesday before Magistrate E. M. Langdon in Milton court on a charge of supplying ammunition to juveniles under the age of fourteen. The man was charged with purchasing ammunition for the youngsters who by law are not allowed to make such purchases. He elected to serve the jail term.

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